





ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

Committee on Town Accounts,

TO THE

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 13th, 1860.



BELLOWS FALLS:

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1860.

REPORT.

THE undersigned, Committee on Town Accounts, respectfully submit the following Report, as the result of their investigation of Town affairs.

Calvin Piper, Collector of Taxes, in account with the Town.

March 10th, 1860.		DR.
For balances on hand, as per Report of last year, viz :		
On Tax Bill for 1855,	\$14 70	
“ “ “ 1857,	30 76	
“ “ “ 1858,	368 69	
“ School-house tax, District No. 9,	9 40	\$423 55
For Tax Bill for 1859,		5790 08
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Total,		\$6213 63

CR.

By paid State Tax, 1859, in full,	\$517 30	
“ County Tax, 1859, in full,	798 30	\$1315 60
“ Town Tax, 1859, in part,		4027 96
“ Balance due School District No. 9, in full,		9 40
“ Tax Bill, 1857, in part,		7 19
“ “ 1858, “		290 45
“ Abatement on Tax Bill for 1857,	\$4 98	
“ “ “ 1858,	31 18	
“ “ “ 1859,	16 58	52 74
“ Balance due on Tax Bill for 1855,		14 70
“ “ “ “ 1857,		18 59
“ “ “ “ 1858,		47 06
“ “ “ “ 1859,		374 94
“ Services collecting taxes of 1859,		55 00
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Total,		\$6213 63

George Olcott, Treasurer, in account with the Town.

March 10th, 1860.	DR.
For Balance on hand as per report of last year,	\$558 67
" Paid by Collector Piper,	4335 00
" Literary Fund per Samuel Walker,	121 80
" Sales from Town Farm,	126 77
" Sales from Liquor Agency,	100 00
" Cornish Pauper bill, paid in full,	64 74
" County Pauper bill, paid in part,	557 83
" Judgments in favor of Town, paid in full,	100 84
" Showman's License, per R. Robertson,	30 00
" Sundries,	60 97
Total,	<hr/> \$6056 62

CR.

By Cash paid for support of Schools,	\$1700 35
" " Roads and Bridges,	525 20
" " Town Paupers not on town farm,	717 99
" " County Paupers,	404 87
" " Expenses of Town Farm,	345 37
" " Town Officers,	403 00
" " Cemeteries,	145 38
" " Interest on Town Debt,	123 60
" " Principal on do.	403 00
" " Incidentals,	1052 57
" " Outstanding Orders of last year,	101 04
" on hand,	134 25
Total,	<hr/> \$6056 62

Albert H. Wheeler, Town Farm Agent, in account with the Town.

March 10th, 1860.	DR.
For Cash received for Sales from the Town Farm, as per his account stated,	\$161 47
Balance due the Agent,	284 19
Total,	<hr/> \$445 66

CR.

By Amount of his bill rendered for payments and purcha- ses for Town Farm,	\$120 66
By Amount of his salary for year ending April 1st, 1860,	325 00
Total,	<hr/> \$445 66

Town Farm in account with the Town.

Dr.

For Personal Property, as per last report,	\$1286 24
“ Interest on the same,	77 16
“ Interest on the Farm,	180 00
“ Agent's Salary,	325 00
“ Overseer's charges,	10 00
“ Expenses of this year paid out of Town Treasury,	113 22
“ Sundries paid by Town Agent,	120 66
Total,	<hr/> \$2112 28

Cr.

By Personal Property on the Farm,	\$1444 08
“ Cash of the County,	271 54
“ Cash sales paid into the Treasury,	126 77
“ Cash sales received by the Agent,	161 47
“ Balance—cost of supporting paupers on the Farm,	108 42
Total,	<hr/> \$2112 28

Frank W. Putnam, Liquor Agent, in account with the Town.

Feb. 29, 1860.

Dr.

To Cash on settlement last year, as reported by the Agent,	\$45 30
To Cash received on 2475 sales this year,	568 43
“ “ on Sales for Barrels,	4 80
Total,	<hr/> \$618 53

Cr.

By Paid for Liquors purchased this year,	405 52
“ “ Freight on same,	14 58
“ “ into Town Treasury,	100 00
“ Agent's Salary for the current year paid,	50 00
“ Balance now on hand in cash,	48 43
Total,	<hr/> \$618 53

Liquor Agency in account with the Town.

Dr.

To Capital Stock at beginning of current year, viz :—	
Liquors on hand,	\$171 99
Cash on hand,	45 30
To Interest one year,	13 04
“ Balance—Profits,	79 12
Total,	<hr/> \$309 45

Cr.

By Capital Stock at close of current year, viz:—

Liquors on hand,	\$161 02	
Cash on hand,	48 43	\$209 45
By Cash paid into Town Treasury,		100 00
Total,		<u>\$309 45</u>

DEBTS OF THE TOWN.

Note due J. J. Hubbard,	\$1000 00
“ “ David Holton,	400 00
“ “ C. C. Sumner,	1060 00
Due the School Districts,	178 21
“ Literary Fund,	121 80
“ Swan Fund,	333 33
“ Town Farm Agent,	284 19
“ School House Tax, District No. 9,	57 44
Outstanding Orders,	62 60
Claim by Mount Hope Cemetery,	135 15
“ “ Old Cemetery at North Charlestown,	12 45
“ “ Village Cemetery,	5 63
Amount of Assets over Liabilities,	1933 40
Total,	<u>\$5584 20</u>

Property of the Town.

Town Farm,	\$3000 00
Personal Property on Farm,	1444 08
Liquors in hands of Town Agent,	161 02
Cash “ “	48 43
Real Estate bought of Mrs. Wheeler,	100 00
Due from Calvin Piper, Collector, on Tax, 1855,	14 70
“ John Baker, “ “ 1856,	13 64
“ Calvin Piper, “ “ 1857,	18 59
“ “ “ “ 1858,	47 06
“ “ “ “ 1859,	374 94
Balance of Tax due from Estate of Samuel Garfield,	171 52
“ due from the Town Treasurer,	134 25
“ “ District No. 7,	30 00
“ “ E. L. Cushing,	25 97
Total,	<u>\$5584 20</u>

The Selectmen recommend to raise the following sums:

For State Tax, estimated at	\$517 00
“ County Tax, “	925 00
“ Schools,	1500 00
“ Roads and Bridges,	600 00
“ Town Officers,	400 00
“ Paupers,	700 00
“ Town Debt,	600 00
“ Incidentals,	200 00
“ Cemeteries,	200 00
Total,	<hr/> \$5642 00

REMARKS.

Objection having been made to the foregoing method of reporting the affairs of the Town as not giving a clear and sufficient insight into its affairs, your Committee further report generally, as the result of their observations in auditing the accounts of the Town, that the present method of keeping account of the Town Expenses, introduced in 1852 by Mr. Rand, is good in all respects.

If the Town Expense Book kept by the Selectmen is made to balance exactly with the Cash Book kept by the Town Treasurer, there is no possibility of any mistake. Any error, even of a cent, would at once show itself. But the *method* is of but little use if not carried out; and in looking back over the books, it is not always evident that the books have been balanced one with the other. To prevent any further mistake, your Committee recommend, that the Auditors be hereafter required to vouch the accuracy of the Selectmen's book—which has never been done—as well as the Treasurer's book; and that they make each to balance with the other, or report the discrepancy, if any exists. This year they balance exactly, and your Committee have so certified.

In addition to the above, the books of the Liquor Agency and of the Town Farm should be carefully inspected, either by the Selectmen or by the Auditors, and their accuracy vouched by the examiners. Probably they have always been examined, but not certified to be accurate on the books.

The books from both agencies were this year submitted to the inspection of the Auditors and found satisfactory, but they did not feel authorized to examine them with a view of vouching them.

A very large sum is expended each year by the Town, in money and labor, upon our Highways. How well or ill this may be appropriated the Town have no knowledge from any statement made at our annual meetings. It is suggested that some change in this re-

spect might give us a better insight into the management of this large fund.

It is to be regretted that the town is involved so much in litigation. Thus far they have been successful in all their suits the past year, but have paid Law Expenses, over and above all receipts, to the amount of \$173 52

The Town has paid the Teachers' Institute in two payments, this year,	59 56
The Sexton has been paid	38 00
The Old Cemetery at North Charlestown has drawn from the Treasury	17 55
The Village Cemetery	94 37
Besides this there been expended on account of the Village Cemetery for repair of damages by flood and for corner stones to mark the lots, ordered before this year, not properly chargeable to the appropriation,	33 46
The Abatement of Taxes amount in all to	78 65

Your Committee are glad to call attention to the Town Farm, and the economical administration of its affairs. There have been supported on the farm the past year nine County paupers,=166 weeks,—and six Town Paupers,=300 weeks,—and the whole cost to the town has been but \$108 42 or less than 25 cts. per week for each man, woman and child.

The Town support away from the Farm several paupers (necessarily, from their condition), some at the Insane Asylum at Concord, and some in private families, at a cost, for eight paupers the past year, of over	700 00
Of this sum have been paid for Insane paupers,	276 80
For the Freeland boy, to Joseph Gould,	60 46
For the Hasham girl, to Levi Willard,	33 00
For the Hodgman girl,	117 32

District No. 7 has drawn from the Treasury \$30,00 not properly chargeable to the Town, which sum is due the Town, and must hereafter be paid.

The Town has expended upon the Public Schools the past year, \$1878,56.

Your Committee further recommend that the yearly Inventory of the personal property at the Town Farm be copied into a book kept for that purpose at the Town Clerk's office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HUBBARD,	} Committee on Town Accounts.
BROOKS KIMBALL,	
HORACE METCALF,	

CHARLESTOWN, N. H., March 13, 1860.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

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1860-61.

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1861.



REPORT.

District No. 1.

Summer Term kept by Miss Emma E. Newton, a beginner. She lacked efficiency in the proper management of the school, and it did not appear satisfactory.

Winter Term taught by Miss Ellen M. Taggard, an experienced teacher, was very successful. The scholars made good progress, and understood what they had studied. The school was quiet, and under good discipline, and all seemed cheerful and anxious to do well.

District No. 2 and 3.

These comprise the Somersworth District.

District No. 4.

This school in the Summer was under the care of Miss Lizzie L. Bowman, who taught it the summer before. She seemed to possess the faculty to win the affections of her little scholars and inspire them with a love for school.

Mr. Bela Graves was engaged to teach the Winter Term, but not giving satisfaction, he did not keep it through. Although he had had considerable experience in teaching, he did not seem adapted to this school. He did not possess that energy and decision necessary to command the esteem and obedience of his pupils. Judging from the forbearance of the inhabitants to enter a complaint to your Committee, I think there is no disposition among them to injure the usefulness of their schools injudiciously by finding fault. A district may go to the other extreme, though so rarely it cannot be censured if it should occasionally occur. I hope they will be more fortunate in future.

District No. 5.

Miss Katie Whipple, teacher in the Summer, taught with good success. She had taught here before, and therefore the district

knew what to anticipate. A stranger, and one inexperienced in teaching, is an experiment for any district. Eleven scholars have not whispered during the term. There was no scholar but had tardy or absent marks.

Mr. Francis N. Gibson had the care of the Winter Term. He labored faithfully and to the general satisfaction of the district.—When visited, I detected a disposition, in a few, to not yield a cheerful acquiescence to the mechanical regulations of the school. When scholars have not self-respect enough to co-operate with their teacher in sustaining order, I would recommend any reasonable severity to secure it when other resources fail.

District No. 6.

Miss Harriette L. Gilmore was quite successful in teaching the Summer School, but the great irregularity and want of punctuality of the scholars was an injury to it and diminished its usefulness. Not a scholar but had both tardy and absent marks. The best of teachers cannot make a school as useful as it should be under such circumstances. This is a fault beyond the control of a teacher, and must rest somewhere else. One little scholar, Josephine M. Barker, was taken from her school and schoolmates during the term by death.

The Winter School, under the instruction of Mr. Thomas Hiland, appeared to be one of the best managed schools in town,—quiet and orderly in every respect. The scholars have unanimously sustained a high rank in deportment and scholarship. This term was lengthened by subscription.

District No. 7.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Julia C. Powers. This school appeared to a disadvantage when visited towards its close, on account of so many being absent. I think the teacher was faithful in her efforts to make the school profitable. This school had no scholar without absent or tardy marks.

Mr. Willard C. Kempton taught the Winter School. This was his first school. He endeavored to be thorough in his classes, but some scholars lacked promptness and accuracy. The school was not as still as it should have been.

District No. 8.

Taught in the Summer by Miss Hannah F. Labaree. It was her first school. In so small and short a school it was a pity that anything should happen to injure the harmony that ought to exist between the teacher and all the pupils and parents. One scholar was obstinate and would not get his lessons as well as the teacher thought he had the ability to, and being severely punished the parents felt grieved. If the pupil, who appeared to me to be a bright, intelligent boy, was able to get his lessons and would not, he ought to be severely and judiciously punished. The most of our schools would be improved by a more efficient manner of discipline, and I cannot feel but Miss Labaree, with her thoroughness of instruction combined with a little more tact in gaining the affections of her scholars, would become a very successful teacher.

Miss Ellen M. Smith, teacher in the Winter, gave general satisfaction. She seemed to possess an agreeable manner of imparting instruction.

District No. 9.

In the Summer was under the instruction of Miss Lucy Stebbins who was very successful in teaching and governing. She appeared to possess a determination to excel as a teacher, and with a little more experience I presume that but few would have taken a higher rank.

She commenced one of the schools in the village, and taught it till towards the close of the Fall Term, when she was taken sick and died. Thus the schools have lost one pupil and one promising teacher during their respective sessions.

Miss Georgiana Carey was instructor in the Winter, and prospered very well. This school, by the united effort of parents and scholars and selection of good teachers, would take a high rank among the schools in town.

District No. 10.

Has no school house, and had no school.

District No. 11.

Teacher in the Summer, Miss Jeannette Poland. In the Winter, Mr. Jas. S. Freeman. Both these teachers had had some experience

in teaching, and gave general satisfaction. With 21 scholars in the summer and 18 in the winter there were 14 that had no tardy marks in each term.

District No. 12.

The Register for the Summer Term has not been returned to me. The teacher was Miss Mary E. Meacham who taught successfully in town the previous year.

The Winter Term, under the care of Charles A. Carlton, was a prosperous school and some of the scholars passed an excellent examination.

District No. 13.

Miss Maria L. Robertson taught the Summer School with her usual good success. She readily wins her scholars to obedience and studiousness where some would use less agreeable ways.

Miss R. Marion Albee, teacher in the Winter, has given general satisfaction. Most of the scholars have made good progress, and in a term of twelve weeks no one has had a tardy mark; the only exception where the school has been so punctual. The school is still in session.

District No. 14.

Miss Almira R. Clark taught the Summer Term. This was her first school. A little more promptness and energy in teaching and governing would have improved the appearance of this school.

Mr. George W. Hubbard taught in the Winter. He was also a beginner, this being his first term. He seemed to be faithful and successful.

District No. 15.

Has five scholars, who attend a school in Claremont.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the schools during the past year have, on the whole, been quite successful, with the prospect of improving in the future. A general degree of harmony and good will has existed throughout the districts, and an effort has been made to avoid any trouble from extraneous interruption.

According to the Registers, 504 visitors are recorded, which shows a commendable interest in our public schools.

As the selection of teachers devolves on the Prudential Committee, all who do or may sustain that relation to their schools should make themselves conversant with their characters and wants; and no better way presents itself than for them to visit their schools from term to term and become thereby acquainted with their deficiencies. It is well known that many teachers are better adapted to some schools than to others, independent of their literary acquirements. Some teachers will succeed in almost any school.

One prominent deficiency exists in our schools that might, in a great measure, and should be corrected. It is so many absences. No class or school can appear as well as it would were there no such interruption to them.

From some cause a great diversity of class-books exists, which prevent a proper classification of the scholars. This is an evil that ought to be remedied.

There has been no changes made in recommending new text-books the past year. Changes should be made, judiciously and not too frequently, with a desire of a thorough uniformity, and with as little expense to parents as consistent. My successor can probably devise a remedy for this evil that ought to be acceptable to all, for it should not be much longer delayed.

Some of the Registers are so imperfectly kept that I have had to guess what was intended. This should not be so, either through the incompetence or neglect of the teachers. They should be faithful in this respect, and avoid injustice to their schools.

With these suggestions this Report is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

S. W. ALBEE,

Superintending School Committee.

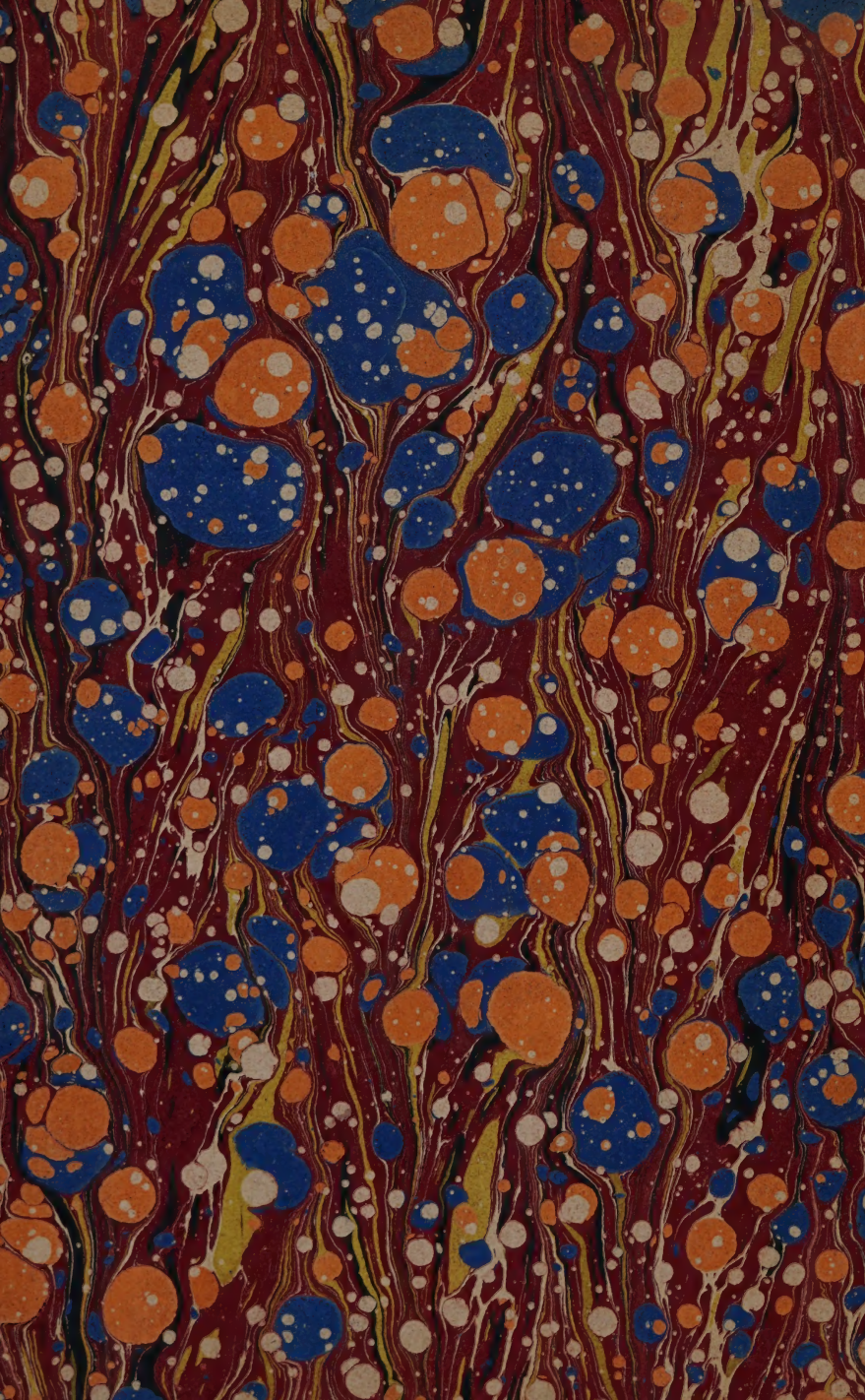
CHARLESTOWN, March 7th, 1861.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.....	1		4		5		6		7		8		9		11		12		13		14	
Length of Schools, in weeks,.....	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Number of Scholars attending school,.....	7	12	16	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	9	8	9	12	12	10	13	12	12	12	9	10
Number of Pupilless,.....	18	17	30	41	22	31	26	41	18	29	3	13	12	22	22	11	16	15	16	11	10	
Number of Pupils not tardy,.....	20	16	54	133	128	183	209	170	71	41	30	18	20	88	16	16	16	15	16	8	9	
Number of pupils not absent,.....	6	8	18	11	2	9	0	6	0	12	1	1	6	7	4	14	4	4	4	5	2	
Number of absentees not marked sickness,.....	2	2	9	7	0	10	0	8	0	2	3	3	2	2	14	14	14	14	16	16	4	
Number of pupils not absent or tardy,.....	54	122	228	244	365	384	557	402	187	292	46	100	55	305	164	118	164	118	164	41	135	
Wages of Male Teachers per month, including board,.....	2	1	10	5	0	6	0	2	0	2	2	1	2	2	3	5	3	5	3	3	1	
Wages of Female Teachers ".....	\$17 50		\$30 00		28 00		36 00		21 52		14 50		14 83		22 60		25 00		14 00		19 00	
Average attendance,.....	18½		30		21		27½		18		9½		18½		16½		20		11		11½	
Number of Visits by Superintending S. Committee,.....	4		3		4		1		4		3		3		4		4		4		2	
Number of Visits by the Prudential Committee,.....	48		12		0		109		60		19		28		43		0		30		0	
Number of Visits by others,.....	29		64		50		45		86		18		26		25		27		26		38	
Number of scholars in the Districts,.....	44		58		44		126 66		108 32		73 70		87 99		85 92		89 99		87 99		77 77	
Amount appropriated to Districts,.....	\$94 07		153 14		124 62		126 66		108 32		73 70		87 99		85 92		89 99		87 99		77 77	

School money raised by the Town, - - - \$1500 00
 " " derived from Literary Fund, - - - 123 60
 " " interest on Swan Fund, - - - 20 00

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